

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1 Claim 3 (original): A method for producing a casting, characterized in  
2 including a first step for melting a copper base alloy according to claim 1; a second  
3 step for forming the molten material obtained in the first step into a specific shape by  
4 rapidly solidifying during casting; and a third step for precipitation strengthening the  
5 formed article obtained in the second step by carrying out an aging treatment for  
6 precipitation at a temperature in the range of 450 to 500 °C.

1 Claim 4 (original): A method for producing a forging, characterized in  
2 including a first step for melting a copper base alloy according to claim 2; a second  
3 step for solidifying the molten material obtained in the first step by casting; and a  
4 third step for forming the solidified article or the hot worked article thereof that was  
5 obtained in the second step into a specific shape and precipitation strengthening, by  
6 applying an aging treatment for precipitation and a thermomechanical treatment  
7 using forging or rolling.

1 Claim 5 (original): A method for producing forging according to claim 4,  
2 characterized in that the thermomechanical treatment in the third step is carried out  
3 at a temperature of 550 °C or less.

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